



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Carl Stockton

I refer to the above Inquiry.

I also refer to the death of Carl Stockton (born 31 October 1944), who died on 11 November 1996 at St Vincent's Hospital after suffering head injuries on 6 November 1996.

Request for exhibits

Mr Stockton's death is being considered by the Inquiry as part of Category A of the Inquiry's terms of reference.

In the course of the investigation into Mr Stockton's death, the NSW Police Force ("NSWPF") collected various exhibits, including clothing, personal effects, and timber from the alleyway where Mr Stockton was assaulted, some of which were subject to forensic testing during the initial investigation.

The Unsolved Homicide Team Tracking Sheet notes that there are "no exhibits to examine." The Inquiry seeks information as to the status of the exhibits, noting where they are located at present, or, if they have been destroyed, when that occurred.

To this end, the Inquiry requests that a statement be provided outlining the location and status of the exhibits, including Mr Stockton's clothing, and clarifying what testing has been conducted on the exhibits and when this was done. The statement should annex any relevant documentation.

Timeframe and mechanism for provision of material

Please provide the requested statement by no later than **10:00am on 10 April 2023**. Your cooperation with this timeframe is appreciated. In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with this timeframe, please forward a request for an extension of time in writing. To assist his Honour in considering the application for an extension, please provide a brief outline of the reasons an extension is sought and the date by which you anticipate being in a position to produce the statement.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Francesca Lilly on [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



Enzo Camporeale

Director

Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry